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Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool Holds Meeting in Pyongyang, Calls for Full Cooperation

The 7th Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries held its meeting in Pyongyang on May 12–14, adopting a final report (See Page 7) and resolutions (See Page 8).

Attending the pool meeting were 59 delegations and delegates from members of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries and other interested news agencies of non-aligned countries and regional and international organizations.

President Kim Il Sung arranged a banquet at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in the capital on May 13 evening in honor of attendants of the non-aligned news agencies pool meeting.

At the banquet the DPRK President made a speech "For the Strengthening of Cooperation between the Non-Aligned Countries in News Service," whose text was adopted at the second-day sitting of the meeting as a most important document. (See Full Text on Page 2)

The meeting heard in its first-day sitting a report from Chairman of the Pool Coordinating Committee Pero Ivacio. (See Text on Pages 4–5).

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President Kim Il Sung on May 13 received heads and members of delegations from various countries to the 7th Coordinating Committee meeting of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries held in Pyongyang on May 12–14. KCNA Radiophoto

Korean Translation of Bible, Hymns Will Be Put on Sale in Summer

By Kim Myong Chol
Special to The People's Korea

Pyongyang will put on sale a modern Korean translation of the Bible by July or August for the first time since the birth of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, it was learned on May 14 in Tokyo.

Revealing this in an exclusive interview with the reporter, a visiting Christian leader from Pyongyang told that the translation is near completion with the printers ready.

The Rev. Kim Jae Yon, director of public information of the Korean Social Democratic Party, said the translation of the Bible is based on the pre-WWII Korean edition and English, French and German versions of the Holy Scripture.

He is concurrently member of the Central Committee of the Korean Christian Federation. He was visiting Japan as a member of a three-man DPRK delegation to the May 14–15 International Conference against Nuclear Weapons, for Disarmament and for Nuclear Weapons-Free Zones held in the Japanese capital of Tokyo under the auspices of the Japan Socialist Party.

To a question whether ordinary people can buy the newly-translated Bible, the Rev. Kim said that in all major bookshops the copies will be on sale and added that they will be exported for sale to overseas Koreans most of whom are Christians.

Explaining the reasons for the translation, the Rev. Kim cited the fact that the old translation is out of print whose publication is dozens of years ago. He also said the language of the previous version is difficult for the young people.

The translation undertaken by the Central Committee of the Christian Federation comprises both the Old and New Testaments and a collection of hymns, which the Rev. Kim stressed are in no conflict with the Juche thought of President Kim Il Sung.

In another surprise revelation, the Rev. Kim told the reporter that the Christian Federation runs a three-year Theological Seminary in downtown Pyongyang which is the sole school for future pastors.

The presence of such school has so far been unknown to the outside world. The reporter was told that at least more than 20 professional ministers have been trained in the seminary, who are now giving sermons at various parts of the country.

The Rev. Kim acknowledged that the number is extremely limited because Christianity has no strong appeal to the young people in the north. He attributed the situation to the devastating effects of the Korean War on the population. He said during the war all the churches were bombed to ashes by American warplanes, saying that there had been some 40 churches in Pyongyang alone.

Without giving the pre-war Christian population, the visiting DPRK Christian official put the present figure at a mere over 5,000, a drastic and appalling decrease.

Even today in the DPRK, he said, Christians get together for Sunday and mid-week worship services in front of the Cross, mostly held at apartment houses.

In reply to a question whether Christianity invites any crackdown or discrimination in the DPRK, the Rev. Kim flatly denied it. He told the reporter that the WPK organ and TV sometimes cover the Christian activities.

Rather, governmental protection is offered to the religious activities of Christians, he stated.

As evidence, the Rev. Kim referred to a large number of Christians in important government posts, central and local. The Rev. Kang Kyang Uk is vice-President of the DPRK, while many are vice-governors of deputy mayors in Kaesong, Wonsan, Hamhung and Sinuiju.

With regard to denominations, it was told that the Protestants are the largest group. The Rev. Kim said he is a presbyter, however.

Asked by the view of Christians in the north of President Kim Il Sung, the reporter was told that agreement among them is their unanimous respect to him as the peerless patriot and legendary leader of the Korean nation.

They all, the Rev. Kim said, hold President Kim Il Sung in high esteem as the leader of the nation who has restored the freedom of religious activities, including Christianity and as the man who saved them from American air-raids during the last war.

He referred to the shock the northern Christians received at the ruthless and massive attacks from a Christian country, the United States.

Yet, he recalled that American Christians and churches stand for freedom and democracy in south Korea at present.

Regarding the status of his Social Democratic Party, he said, it has a membership of over 20,000 throughout the country, having one as vice-President, one vice-mayor in Pyongyang and deputy governors in every province. His party has 21 seats in the Supreme People's Assembly (Parliament).

The Social Democratic Party has a plan to build a five-story brand-new modern building for its headquarters as its present head office is housed in an old two-story building, he said. "My party has chapters and sub-chapters in every province and county."

Disclosing its intention to join the Socialist International in future, he said, his party is now building friendly relations with social democratic parties of other countries.

Saying that it was reorganized from the Korean Democratic Party last year, he called the reorganization "aimed at making clear its commitment to social democracy.

The Rev. Kim stressed that his party is in friendly and cooperative relationships with the Workers' Party of Korea as the DPRK is founded on a united front led by the worker-peasant alliance.

For Strengthening of Cooperation Between Non-Aligned Countries in News Service

—Speech of President Kim Il Sung at Banquet for Non-Aligned Newsmen—

President Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and President of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, made a speech at a banquet he arranged on the evening of May 13 at the Kumsusan Assembly Hall in honor of the attendants at the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries.

Follows the full text of his speech entitled "For the Strengthening of Cooperation between the Non-Aligned Countries in News Service":

Esteemed delegates,
Comrades and friends,

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries which has been opened amidst the great expectation and interest of the progressive peoples and journalists of the world, is carrying on its work successfully thanks to the sincere efforts of you delegates.

Our people are highly pleased that their country has become the venue of the meeting which is of great importance in developing the non-aligned movement.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the representatives of various countries' news agencies and the international organizations who are devoted to news activities aimed at developing the non-aligned movement and promoting the common cause of progressive humanity, and wholeheartedly congratulate you on the success of the meeting.

The Seventh Meeting has exchanged the successes and experiences gained so far by the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries in its news service and earnestly discussed the measures and ways for further-ing the cooperation and interchange between national news agencies. Thus, it will mark an epoch in the struggle for further enhancing the role of the pool and establishing a new international order in news service.

The role of the news service is really great in the struggle for the building of a new society.

News services are the ears and eyes of society and spokesmen of the public opinion. Progressive news services defend and propagandize progressive thoughts, thus enlightening the popular masses and inspiring them to a struggle for the building of a new society.

That the non-aligned countries carry on news activities briskly through the medium of their national news agencies and develop cooperation and exchange in the news service, is of truly great significance in achieving the cause of independence against imperialism.

The Non-Aligned News Pool was founded in 1976 as an expression of the new trend of the non-aligned movement and in keeping with the urgent demand of information service of the non-aligned countries. This meant a new type of cooperative news service system in the hands of these countries, which champions and speaks for the interests and aspirations of the people.

In the short period of several years since its establishment, the news pool has develop-ed into an authoritative press organization with its affiliated news agencies of more than 80 countries. It has daily growing influence on the international scene.

By working actively in accordance with the idea of the non-aligned movement, it has powerfully inspired the people around the world in their just cause of building an independent, prosperous new society in opposition to all sorts of domination and subjugation, and has greatly contributed to the development of the non-aligned movement. Through its positive information service it has patently proved its vitality and secured its place as a press force advocating the newly-emerging forces in the international news service system.

This pool and the news agencies of non-aligned nations have given a great deal of support and encouragement to our people in their just revolutionary cause by widely disseminating the news of our people's struggle for socialist construction and independent, peaceful reunification of their country.

I would like to extend warm thanks to the news agencies of non-aligned countries and to their pool that have greatly encouraged our people's revolutionary struggle through their vigorous news activities.

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries has been called at a momentous juncture when the need has arisen to strengthen the non-aligned movement.

The present international situation is very complex and strained. Scared at the ever-mounting revolutionary struggle of the people for independence against imperialism, the imperialists are making desperate efforts to maintain and expand their supremacy. Going against the trend of the time, they incessantly perpetrate aggression and provocations against the countries of the newly-emerging forces and repress by force of arms the oppressed peoples who have risen in a righteous liberation struggle.

Having openly declared the "policy of strength," the U.S. imperialists are now working for its realization. They are striving to build up the military blocks and alliances they have already rigged up and, meanwhile, are running wild to form new military blocks in Asia, the Pacific area and many other parts of the world. In particular, they are craftily manoeuvring to sever and sow discord among the non-aligned countries and wipe out the anti-imperialist, independent forces.

Owing to the machinations of the U.S. and other imperialists for aggression and war, the international tension is aggravated and the danger of a new world war is daily growing.

The prevailing situation demands that the people of the world struggle more energetically against the imperialist schemes for aggression and war and for making the whole world independent.

Only when the whole world is independent, will it be possible to prevent a new world war, maintain a lasting peace in the world and achieve complete independence and prosperity for all countries and peoples.

In order to make the whole world independent, the non-aligned movement must be expanded and developed still further.

The non-alignment is a progressive movement which embodies in it the lofty idea of independence and peace of mankind. It is a mighty revolutionary force of our time which is confronted with imperialism. The non-aligned countries are advancing independently without joining any block, and the non-aligned movement is an independent political force of the countries which are outside the blocs. Today this movement is dealing a heavy blow at the imperialists in their moves for aggression and war, precipitating their decline and disintegration and is exerting a serious influence on the international developments and the revolutionary changes in the world. The expansion and development of this movement will provide a sure guarantee for checking and frustrating the imperialists' manoeuvres of aggression and war and for putting the whole world on an independent basis.

In expanding and advancing the non-aligned movement, it is very important to enhance the role of the Non-Aligned News Pool.

News services of non-aligned countries are a powerful weapon in the struggle to expand and advance the non-aligned movement. Only when the role of the pool is enhanced to carry on the news activities vigorously, will it be possible to expose and thwart the imperialists' moves for aggression and war promptly and encourage forcefully the peoples of newly-emerging countries in their struggle to build a new society. Increasing the role of the pool is all the more urgent today in view of the fact that the imperialists are intensifying more than ever before their reactionary ideological offensive against the peoples of newly-emerging countries and that the non-aligned nations are confronted with the difficult yet important revolutionary task of building a new society.

All non-aligned countries should join efforts to enhance the pool's role and thus steadily expand and develop the non-aligned movement, brushing aside every obstacle and obstructionist move.

The pool should strictly adhere to the anti-imperialist stand in its information service and concentrate its pen on the struggle against imperialism.

The pool should wield its caustic pen to expose nakedly the imperialists' aggressive nature and crafty moves for aggression.

Aggression and plunder emanate from the inherent nature of imperialism, and war is the means of its existence. By mercilessly exposing and denouncing imperialism's aggressive nature and crafty moves for aggression, the news services of the non-aligned countries will prevent the people from harbouring any illusion about imperialism and mould wide-spread public opinion against the imperialists in every part of the world.

The pool should strive to put an end to the imperialists' monopoly and arbitrariness in the field of news service and to establish a new international order of news activities.

At present the imperialists use large news agencies to hold a monopolistic position and act arbitrarily in the field of news service. The kept news services of the imperialists are stifling the righteous voices of the people and make distortions which bends the truth. They persist in the dissemination of corrupt reactionary ideas which poison the sound minds of people. Unless the imperialists' monopoly and arbitrariness in the news service are done away with, we can neither develop the non-aligned movement nor achieve the cause of independence for the whole world.

The pool should vigorously conduct revolutionary news activities and thus thoroughly expose and shatter the imperialists' slanders and their false, reactionary propaganda about the non-aligned movement and the revolutionary struggle of the people. When all the news agencies of the non-aligned countries resolutely combat the reactionary news services of the imperialists, it will be possible to destroy the old, anachronistic international order of news service and establish a new one which represents the interests of the peoples of the new-emerging forces.

The pool should actively contribute to the revolutionary cause of the peoples for *chajusong* (independence-tr.) through its news activities.

It is an important mission of the pool to enhance the people's spirit of national independence, increase their political consciousness and rouse them to the struggle to build an independent new world.

The pool should give publicity to the brilliant successes achieved by the newly-emerging nations in the struggle to build a prosperous new society under the anti-imperialist, independent banner as well as the vivid pictures of the non-aligned countries which are developing with each passing day. In this way broad masses of the people will turn out vigorously in the worthwhile struggle to build a new world, convinced of the validity of the cause of independence and a bright future. It should widely propagate the aim and idea of the non-aligned movement, and zealously collect and disseminate information which is helpful to the unity of the newly-emerging countries and to the expansion and development of the non-aligned movement.

The news pool should efficiently disseminate information beneficial to economic and technical cooperation among the non-aligned countries. Every non-aligned country has one or more good things in this regard. If they exchange them with one another, it will be of great significance in building a new society. The news services of the non-aligned countries should ensure economic and technical exchanges among these nations, and thus actively help towards the building of their independent national economies.

Success in the news activities is guaranteed by a high level of ideological content, accuracy and promptness of information.

The pool should fully express the aspirations and requirements of the popular masses in its information service, and timely disseminate objective and truthful information. The news services of the non-aligned countries should correctly analyse and judge important international events and the trend of developments and report them at opportune moments and thus play the role of leading and organizing public opinion along the right track.

The pool should make energetic efforts to develop exchanges and cooperation between the news agencies of the non-aligned countries.

Only when they strengthen exchanges and cooperation in information service, can the non-aligned countries increase the effectiveness of this pool and attain the unity and solidarity of the non-aligned movement with greater success.

The worldwide dissemination and propaganda of the information of the peoples of newly-emerging countries who are building a new society constitutes a great support and inspiration to their struggle. The news agencies of the non-aligned countries should briskly exchange information with one another and direct much effort to reporting the news of the struggle of other peoples.

In order to develop interchanges and cooperation among the non-aligned countries in their information service, it is necessary to form an integrated news service network by linking the national news agencies of each country. When they are integrated into an organized system, these news agencies can handle information more accurately, disseminate it throughout the world more quickly and prevent distorted imperialist propaganda. We deem it a rational means of forming such an integrated news service network to strengthen the existing regional redistribution centres in different continents and induce them to play the role as the branch offices of the pool.

The non-aligned nations should strengthen their own news agencies, and also zealously help their fellow nations in developing their news agencies in the collective spirit of cooperation. Among these nations are those

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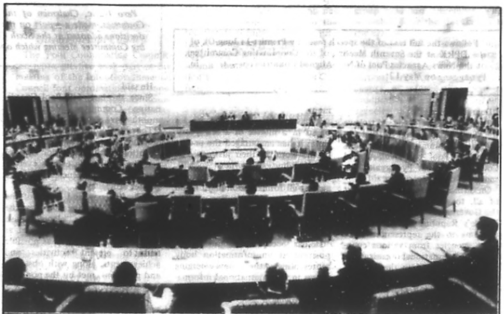
Detailed Report on Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool Meet

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries was held from May 12 to 14 in Pyongyang, the capital of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the KCNA reported.

The meeting was participated in by 59 delegations and delegates from members of the Pool Coordinating Committee and other interested news agencies of non-aligned countries and regional and international organisations.

The meeting which opened amid keen interest and expectation of the progressive people and men of the press of the world including the peoples of the non-aligned countries, exchanged successes and experience gained in press activities of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries and discuss practical ways to further improve and strengthen the work of the pool and enhance its role.



The KCNA radiophoto shows the view of the 7th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries held May 12-14 in Pyongyang. The meeting was participated by 59 delegations and delegates from members of the Pool Coordinating Committee and other interested news agencies of non-aligned countries and regional and international organizations.

ATTENDANTS

Attending the meeting were members of the Pool Coordinating Committee – Delegate of the Bangladesh News Agency Abul Hashem, its Director General and Chief Editor; the delegation of the Prensa Latina of Cuba headed by its Director General Gustavo Robreno Dolz; the delegation of the Korean Central News Agency headed by its General Director Kim Song Gol; the delegation of the Press Trust of India (PTI) headed by its General Manager N.R. Chandran; the delegation of the Antara News Agency of Indonesia headed by its General Manager and Editor-in-Chief August Marpaung; delegate of the Iraqi News Agency Hussain Ali Mohamed Al-Samarrai, its Deputy Director General; delegate of the Jamaipress News Agency of Jamaica Ken Jones, its Director; delegate of the Agency Nueva of Nicaragua Carlos Garcia Castillo, its Director General; delegate of the News Agency of Nigeria Onuora Nzekwu, its General Manager; the delegation of the WAFA News Agency of Palestine headed by its General Director Ziad Abdul Fatah; delegate of the Panama Press Euclides Fuentes Arroyo, its Director General; the Peruvian delegation headed by Gilmer Antonio Cacho Cuba, vice-Minister of Social Communication of Peru; delegate of the Rwandan Press Agency Bayigamba Adalbel, its Director; delegate of the Senegalese Press Agency Amadou Moctar Wane, its Editor-in-Chief; delegate of the Lanka Puwath National Agency of Sri Lanka Wijayasiri Gunayauodalage; delegate of the Togolese Press Agency Amah Tcha-Tisa, its Director; the delegation of the Tunisia-Africa Press Agency headed by its Director General Bechir Toual; delegate of the Vietnam News Agency Hoang Thinh, Director of its Foreign Service; the delegation of the Tanjug News Agency of Yugoslavia headed by its Director General Bakocevic Aleksandar; the delegation of the Zambia News Agency headed by S.Y. Sikalele, Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Services of the Republic of Zambia; and delegate of the Pan African News Agency Dixon Kwame Afreh, its Assistant Director;

and Pool Members – delegate of the Bakhtar News Agency of Afghanistan Azim Lamar, President of Publication of the Ministry of Information; delegate of the Algerian Press Service Belaid Ahmed, Director of its International Cooperation; delegate of the Ministry of Information and Propaganda of the People's Republic of Benin Degla Evariste; delegate of the Burundi Press Agency Ntibandetse Patrice, its Director General; delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic N'Guindo David, Director of the Press of Information and Archives in the Foreign Ministry; delegate of the Ministry of Information of the People's Republic of the Congo Bilando Victor, Director of a Department of the Ministry; delegate of the College of Press of Costa Rica Renato Cajas Corsi, its Secretary General; delegate of the Ghana News Agency K.B. Brown, its General Manager; delegate of the Guinean Radio and Television Sylla Cheick, its Coordinator; delegate of the Guyanese News Agency Arnon Adams; the delegation of the Islamic Republic News Agency of Iran (IRNA) headed by its Deputy Managing Director Hamid-Houshangi; the press delegation of Laos headed by Chanpheng Sihaphom, Director of the Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; delegate of the National News Agency of Lebanon Ricardo Kamal Hamzi, Director of Protocol and Public and Foreign Relations in the Ministry of Information of Lebanon; delegate of the Anta News Agency of Madagascar Andriamanisa Samuelson, its Managing Director; delegate of the Bernama National News Agency of Malaysia Ahmad Mustapha Bin Hassan, its Director General; delegate of the Department of Information and Broadcasting of the Republic of Maldives Hassan Ahmed Maniku, its Director; delegate of the Malian Agency of Press and Publicity Bakary Traore, its Assistant Director General; the delegation of the Ministry of Information of the Republic of Malta headed by Paul Mifsud, Deputy Director of a Department of the Ministry of Information of Malta; delegate of the Nepal's National News Agency (RSS) Radhe Shyam Bista, its Chairman and General Manager; the delegation of the Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) headed by Hasan Akhtar Gardezi; delegate of the Aden News Agency of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen Mohsen Salem Mukesh, Director of its Department; delegate of the Government Information Services of Sierra Leone L.H.G. Williams, Director of the Information Services of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting; delegate of the Sonna News Agency of Somalia Saeed Mohamud Haji, its Director; delegate of the Surinam News Agency Albert Judell, its Director General; the delegation of the Syrian Arab News Agency headed by its Director General Saber Falhout; the delegation of the Shihata News Agency of Tanzania headed by its Chief Editor Kassim Mpenda; the delegation of the Uganda News Agency headed by its Director Eddie Keronega; delegate of the Upper Voltese Press Agency Baloum Basile, its Chief Editor; delegate of the Sabaa News Agency of the Yemen Arab Republic Hassan Yahiya Al Olofi, its Director General; delegate of the Zairian Press Agency Tukulu Ndomateso Kimbuanda, its Secretary General; and delegate of the Zimbabwe Inter-African News Agency Wilf Mbanga, its Editor.

The delegation of the Agerpres of Romania headed by its General Director Ion Cumpanasu Attends the meeting as a guest.

The meeting was also attended by delegations and delegates of regional and international organisations – The delegation of the Committee for Co-operation among Broadcasting Organisations of the Non-Aligned Countries headed by Li Jong Nam, vice-Chairman of the DPRK Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee; delegate of the Federation of Arab News Agencies Ghazi Mikati, its Chief Director; delegate of the Organisation of Asia-Pacific News Agencies Leong Koon-Choy; delegate of the UNESCO Mohamed Hamdy Omar Kandil, Director of its Division of Free Flow of Information and Communication Policies; delegate of the United Nations Department for Public Information Michel Tombelaine; and the Action delegation of the Latin American National Information System.

*Li Jong Ok, Premier of the Ad*ministration Council, and its vice-Premier Chong Jun Gi attended the meeting.

Diplomatic envoys of different countries in Pyongyang were present at the opening session.

OPENING SESSION

Chairman of the Meeting Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries, declared the meeting open.

Then Kim Song Gol, General Director of the Korean Central News Agency, who was heading its delegation, made a welcome speech.

Li Jong Ok, Premier of the Administration Council, made a congratulatory speech. (See page 4)

Congratulatory speeches were also made by regional delegates and delegate of an international organisation (See page 6).

K.B. Brown, General Manager of the Ghana News Agency; Carlos Garcia Castillo, Director General of the Agency Nueva of Nicaragua; Bakocevic Aleksandar, Director General of the Tanjug News Agency of Yugoslavia; Ziad Abdul Fatah, General Director of the WAFA News Agency of Palestine; Ahmad Mustapha Bin Hassan, Director General of the Bernama National News Agency of Malaysia; and UNESCO delegate Mohamed Hamdy Omar Kandil, Director of its Division of Free Flow of Information and Communication Policies made congratulatory speeches on behalf of the African, Latin American, European, Arab and Asian regions and an international organisation.

The meeting elected vice-Chairman and rapporteur general.

Kim Song Gol, General Director of the Korean Central News Agency, was elected vice-Chairman and Song Bong Sun, vice-General Director of the KCNA, rapporteur general.

The meeting adopted as agenda items the implementation of pool action programme and decisions of the Sixth Coordinating Committee Meeting, the cooperation with the UNESCO and the United Nations, recommendations of the Non-Aligned Experts Meeting on Information organized by the Inter-Governmental Council for Coordination of Co-operation among the Non-Aligned Countries in the Field of Information, February 1982, in New Delhi, the cooperation with broadcasting organizations of non-aligned countries and regional news agencies projects, date and place of the Third General Pool Conference, etc.

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with up-to-date news agencies, those with excellent journalist training institutions, and those with valuable experience in information service. If they develop exchange and cooperation on the principle of mutual accommodation, they will be able to solve successfully all problems arising in furnishing their news agencies with equipment, in the training of journalists and all other work of building up news agencies.

The Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea which regards it as its sacred international duty to endeavour to expand and develop the non-aligned movement, is also keenly interested in strengthening the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries. The Government of the Republic will strive to develop this pool and provide every condition so that the Korean Central News Agency can fulfil its duty with credit.

Under the banner of independence, friendship and peace, the DPRK Government will vigorously struggle to develop friendly and cooperative relations with the peoples of the non-aligned countries and all the progressive people of the world and to build an independent and peaceful new world which is free from all manner of domination and subjugation.

I am confident that, through your strenuous efforts, a new success will be made in the information service of the pool and in expanding and developing the non-aligned movement.

Hoping that the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries will proceed successfully and bear a fine fruit, I propose a toast:

To the development of the News Agencies Pool of the Non-Aligned Countries,

To the friendship and solidarity among the peoples of all the newly-emerging countries of the world,

To the health of delegates from the news agencies of many countries and the representatives of international organizations to the meeting, and

To the health of the comrades and friends present here.

Firm Solidarity to Non-Aligned Press Agencies

Congratulatory Speech by Premier Li Jong Ok

Follows the full text of the speech made by Premier Li Jong Ok of the DPRK at the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries opened in Pyongyang on May 12:

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Dear delegates,

Today we are very pleased to have the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries here in Pyongyang, the capital of our country.

On authorization, allow me, first of all, to extend in the name of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, warm welcome to the representatives of news agencies from various countries and international organizations who are dedicated to the information activities for the development of the non-aligned movement and the common cause of mankind and express my hearty congratulations to the meeting.

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the Pool is being held amid great expectation and concern of the people of non-aligned countries and the rest of the world as well as men of the press.

The current meeting will make a positive contribution to the exchange of the precious achievements and experiences the news agencies pool of non-aligned countries has gained in its information activities, to the enhancement of its role, to the elaboration of ways for a speedy news flow among the national news agencies and to the establishment of a new international information order.

I am convinced that with the active participation and sincere efforts of you, representatives of various countries, the meeting will surely achieve fruitful results.

Honourable delegates,

Progressive information is one of the powerful media of advocating and disseminating progressive ideas and representing and organizing the public opinion.

Only when an independent sovereign state is possessed of powerful information media can it educate, organize and mobilize its popular masses to successfully achieve their just cause and strengthen its international solidarity with the progressive people of the world. It is, indeed, a matter of importance for the building of a new society and acceleration of the common cause of mankind that the non-aligned countries should strengthen their own national news agencies and invigorate the news flow between countries. It is all the more urgent under the situation in which the major news agencies of imperialist countries continue to monopolize information, distort realities and exclude the new-emerging countries in their information.

With the news agencies pool of non-aligned countries coming into being in compliance with these requirements, the non-aligned movement was put in possession of a new form of reliable cooperation system in communication and information advocating and representing the interests and aspiration of new-emerging countries.

This is a brilliant success that non-aligned peoples have achieved by their joint efforts.

From its inception, the non-aligned news agencies pool has vigorously striven to fulfil its noble mission and aim in conformity with the idea of non-aligned movement.

It has taken in 80 news agencies or so in a matter of a few years' time; it has encouraged the people of the world in their just cause of the building of a new society, independent and prosperous, against all forms of domination and subjugation and made a great contribution to the consolidation and development of the non-aligned movement.

It has occupied an unshakable position as an information body representing the new-emerging forces in the international information system and its influence is daily growing.

The Government of the DPRK and the Korean people highly appreciate the achievements of the news agencies pool and warmly support its activities.

Today the overall international situation is very complex and tense.

Frightened by the daily-growing power of the non-aligned movement which is expanding and developing to be an extensive, world-wide movement, the imperialists are desperately manoeuvring to divide and disintegrate our movement and drag the newly independent countries into their spheres of domination.

The obtaining situation raises it as a more acute problem for the news agencies pool of non-aligned countries to firmly safeguard the non-aligned character in its information activities.

"The non-aligned countries should Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"The non-aligned countries should strictly observe the fundamental principles of the non-aligned movement and preserve its peculiarities properly."

Preservation of the non-aligned character in information activities is the life and soul of the news agencies pool of the non-aligned countries.

The news agencies pool, through its information activities, should powerfully arouse the people to the sacred struggle to thwart and frustrate the imperialists' plots of aggression and scramble for the maintenance and expansion of their spheres of domination, and preserve the basic principles and solidarity of the non-aligned movement and build a new independent world free from all forms of domination and subjugation.

Only then can the pool continue to strengthen its position and influence as a new communication and information cooperation system which champions and represents the interests and aspirations of the people of non-aligned countries. In order to discharge with credit the honourable mission the times and mankind have entrusted it with, the pool should adhere to the principle of individual and collective self-reliance.

The principle of individual and collective self-reliance is a basic means of boosting the function and role of the pool.

Every member nation should bring into full play the spirit of self-reliance, the spirit of making and tapping what it lacks, and firmly build up and incessantly

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Pool Committee Chairman Stresses Coordination among Press Agencies

Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries, made a report on the agenda item on the implementation of the pool action programme and decisions adopted at the Sixth Coordinating Committee at the plenary Session of the Seventh Coordinating Committee Meeting which opened in Pyongyang on May 12.

He said:

Since the last, 6th Pool Coordinating Committee Meeting, 15 months have elapsed.

The 6th Coordinating Committee Meeting gave an important contribution to the expansion of pool activity and to the efforts exerted by pool member agencies to achieve greater efficiency.

The efficiency and scope of the 6th Pool CC Meeting as well as the period which has elapsed have obliged us to make this report as elaborated and detailed as possible and to present activities and achievements, along with obstacles and problems, met by the pool and its participating agencies.

Along with the pool progress report submitted and adopted at the Non-Aligned Ministerial Conference held in New Delhi, February 1981, it could give an insight into pool functioning and serve as a basis for the report to be submitted by the coordinating committee to the 3rd General Pool Conference, planned for the end of this year. The pool was also invited to present information to the intergovernmental council for the coordination of cooperation among the non-aligned countries in the field of information, scheduled to meet in the middle of June.

All this contributes to the importance of the 7th Pool CC Meeting. Of equal importance is the fact that this meeting is held in the DPR of Korea, a non-aligned country. I should like to note that the presence of a great number of news agencies from all the continents at this meeting, in this friendly country shows the universal acceptance of pool concepts and activities. The joint meetings and discussion we have conducted in different places enable us to become aquainted better and come to understand specificities in the functioning of each news agencies and thus reach joint agreements much more easily.

Before presenting the topics of this report, I feel a general and important assessment should be quoted:

The pool has been developing since its foundation. This was also stated at the 2nd Pool Conference held in Belgrade 1979, which underlined the adherence to the authentic principles and objectives of the policy of non-alignment and to the obligations undertaken with a view to developing and strengthening the pool and materializing the adopted programmes into action.

Establishment and Strengthening of National News Agencies

It was stated at the 2nd Pool Conference that some 30 non-aligned countries had no national news agencies and that approximately the same number of non-aligned countries had news agencies which are insufficiently equipped for the reception and transmission of information and thus for equitable and active participation in the pool.

For this reason, the establishment and capacitation of national news agencies have been and remain the priority tasks. News agencies have been established in Guyana, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Dominica and Grenada also send their information for the pool. In Malta, radio-television Xandir is functioning as a news agency, similar disposition having been shown by broadcasting organizations in Guina and Sierra Leone. The Maldives send their bi-weekly information bulletin by air mail, etc.

Better conditions for the functioning of news agencies have been created in many countries while projects for news agency's capacitation are being realized or elaborated in a number of countries. In the sense of special importance is the realization of the first-phase of the Pan-African News Agency (PANA) project, planned to start operating at the end of this year.

Our coordinating committee feels itself under an obligation to call upon the governments of the countries in which news agencies do not exist with the view of identifying the causes and obstacles for such a situation and undertaking united action on an international scale. Such an active pool attitude has so far proved efficient in several countries such as Seychelles, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe, etc. Some pool participating agencies have directly assisted and are assisting the establishment of news agencies and their technical and cadre capacitation. Among those are PTI, PL, Tanjug, Kuna, as well as Gulf News Agency, TAP, JANA. Also, Sri Lanka's contribution should be pointed out by giving an example with the introduction of reduced transmission tariffs (DPBS) and that of KCNA which among other things, has made it possible for us to gather here.

Assistance and Support To the Liberation Movements

Among priority tasks in the pool action programme there has been support to the Patriotic Front of Zimbabwe and to SWAPO of Namibia in the training of cadres and acquisition of equipment necessary for establishment of a national news agency following national liberation.

With the help and engagement of the front line countries, the pool has done much to assure the wider dissemination of information on liberation struggles and movements in South Africa, world-wide.

Pool support to the liberation movements also includes continuous support to the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people, the PLO as its legitimate representative and the WAFA News Agency, which has been actively participating in the pool since its very beginning and is a coordinating committee member. It should be noted that numerous agencies through their information circulated through the pool express their support to the just struggle of the Palestinian people and to the PLO for their basic rights. In this sense, all assistance and support to the WAFA News Agency remains a lasting task for the pool agencies.

Marking of the 20th Anniversary of the 1st Summit Conference of Non-Aligned Countries

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the Pool CC Meeting, many pool participating agencies actively participated in marking of the 20th anniversary of the First Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held in Belgrade 1961. Interviews or statements of heads of state or government, foreign ministers or other personalities from more than 30 non-aligned countries were disseminated through the pool system, and this activity is being continued till the end of the year.

Pool newscasts have regularly included commentaries and press coverage of the anniversary in non-aligned and other countries.

The coordinating committee has included the publication of the book on the pool in the pool programme for marking the 20th anniversary of the 1st Non-Aligned Summit Conference.

Development of Communications among Non-Aligned News Agencies

The majority of news agencies in non-aligned countries still cannot communicate directly, without the mediation of a third party. In the course of the last year, certain achievements were realized and the contours were defined of a system which would interconnect non-aligned news agencies. Also, the first duplex satellite links were established, thus enabling flow of information between Havana, Mexico, Belgrade and New Delhi. The Asia News Network (ANN), which started to function in January this year, and the expansion of the Organization of Asian News Agencies (OANA) provide for the inclusion of greater number of Asian news agencies in the pool flow of information. A just established duplex connection between Tanjung and TAP will contribute to better inter-communication among pool agencies on different continents. The launching of the Pan-African News Agency (PANA), planned for this year, will considerably improve the flow of information within the African Continent and between African states and news agencies in other non-aligned countries. It is important to note that the communication networks OANA and PANA are based upon cooperation on an equal basis and the exchange of information among national news agencies. The functioning of the OPEC News Agency (OPECNA) is based upon the system similar to that of the pool OPECNA comprises 12 non-aligned news agencies and it is realistic to discuss the possibilities of using OPECNA communications for transmission of information destinated for inclusion in the pool too. The multiplication of connections among the developing countries and the transmission capacity increase of particular national news agencies create better conditions for the pool participating agencies in general.

The action programme envisages the organization of a meeting of representatives of news agencies possessing their own telecommunication channels. It would be useful to enlarge such a gathering with representatives of regional and international mechanisms for the dissemination of information.

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Pool Committee Chairman Stresses Coordination among Press Agencies

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A broader international gathering on mechanisms for the dissemination of information, being prepared by UNESCO for this September, could represent an appropriate opportunity to realize the idea.

However, the connections already established as well as the mentioned projects and concepts cannot, in this phase, solve the problems of the inclusion of underdeveloped news agencies from the least developed countries in the pool system. For that reason, the idea expressed on some earlier occasions by the CC is again emphasized that, as a minimum, these agencies be given possibility to send their most important information to the nearest pool redistribution center.

The idea is also reflected in the proposal for the introduction of a free press-collect card for the least developed agencies, as supported by the UNESCO working group for tariff a project on this facility has been elaborated in cooperation with UNESCO and will be presented as one of the 7th meeting agenda items. The implementation of this modest project, until better communication possibilities are created, could enlarge the number of active pool participants and would capacitate certainly their foundation in the least developed countries.

Improving the Pool Performance

The period since the founding of the pool, particularly since the Second General Pool Conference, is accompanied by a rapid increase of participants and volume of information being exchanged and the improvement of the quality of information being exchanged is constant and indisputable. Beside the agencies which rank in the non-aligned family among the developed like PTI, PL, Tanjug, TAP, INA, MAP, ANTARA, MENA and some other, according to their participation in the pool in evidence is the increasing number of professionally given items by the agencies KUNA, AGOP, KCNA, APS, SUNA, CNA, QNA, AIM, BERNAMA, IRNA, WAM, LANKA PUWATH, NAN, EQUAPRES, ANN, SAP, Xinsilo-Malta, NOTIMEX, ANDINA and several other agencies. However, the stepped-up development of the pool is not accompanied by an adequate increase in publishing of pool news by the mass media of a large number of non-aligned countries.

Proceeding from the fact that the placement of pool items and the reduction of domination of big information systems is the goal with which the pool was launched, the improvement of pool performance is becoming a task gaining in priority. This was also in evidence at the Sixth Pool Coordinating Committee Meeting in New Delhi and the workshop organized on that occasion. The improvement of the present situation, with which we cannot be satisfied, can primarily be achieved by better linkage and cooperation among news agencies and mass media and institutions at national level. This respective countries the possibilities commendation of the coordinating committee addressed to all pool news agencies to analyse in their respective countries the possibilities for the improvement of pool performance. Such recommendation has also been made at the New Delhi non-aligned experts' meeting both to the pool and the intergovernmental council and has been supported also at the meeting of the committee for cooperation of broadcasting organizations. It is obvious, however, that this subject has a long-term significance and that it will also be discussed at the Third General Pool Conference, since the pool must develop trust in its information focusing on the contents, facts, quality and speed.

Cooperation with Inter-Governmental Council

The Pool Coordinating Committee representative took part in the meeting of the Inter-Governmental Council for Coordination of Cooperation among Non-Aligned Countries in the field of information held in Georgetown, Guyana, in May 1981. On the occasion, he submitted a report on the work and decisions of the Sixth Pool Coordinating Committee Meeting and informed the council about the basic course of pool's activity.

At the invitation of the intergovernmental council, the Pool Coordinating Committee Chairman took part in the work of a group of experts of non-aligned countries this year which discussed elements for the drawing-up of the action programme of cooperation among non-aligned in the sphere of information.

Cooperation with BONAC

The successful cooperation between the pool and Broadcasting Organizations of Non-Aligned Countries (BONAC) continues. It is developing in mutual participation in meetings of coordinating bodies of news agencies and broadcasting organizations of non-aligned countries, in meeting of experts for information and communications, as well as in inter-governmental meetings, particularly those organized by UNESCO. Emphasis is also placed on the need for increased cooperation between news agencies and broadcasting organizations at national level.

Cooperation with UNESCO and UN

A number of useful actions was realized in cooperation with UNESCO since the last Pool Coordinating Committee meeting.

A meeting of representatives of news agencies and institutes on training of journalists with UNESCO's assistance and participation was organized.

Within the framework of its regular programme of analysing of world information system, UNESCO has agreed to assist in the publishing of a book on the pool.

Pool is invited to meetings in UNESCO devoted to information and communications.

UNESCO representatives also take part in all meetings organized by the pool.

UNESCO has agreed to prepare a project on the introduction of press-collect cards for the agencies of the most under-developed countries.

UNESCO-press items are occasionally transmitted through the pool while pool agencies items are present in the UNESCO headquarters.

In keeping with the decisions of the Pool Coordinating Committee on examining the possibilities for the expansion of cooperation between the pool and the DPI-UN and on the basis of the UN Committee for Information Invitation, the Pool Coordinating Committee Chairman attended the UN committee session last May.

The report he submitted on the work of the pool, hitherto cooperation with the DPI-UN and possibilities for its expansion was received well in the committee and included in the session documents, which represents not only the acceptance of the pool as an information partner in the UN, but also opens new possibilities for cooperation.

Significant is the experience gained by the implementation of the Pool Coordinating Committee resolution on the joint coverage of the UN conference on energy held in Nairobi, last August, with UN's financial contribution. The Kenyan News Agency and CC Chairman are submitting a special report on this at this meeting.

In the period since the Pool New Delhi Meeting there were no new remarks by pool agencies so that the statute is implemented in practice. In this way, conditions have been created for us, as planned, to submit the new statute for adoption to the Third General Pool Conference.

Candidacy for Hosting Third General Pool Conference

At the New Delhi CC Meeting, the determination of the place of holding the Third Pool Conference was postponed for this Seventh Coordinating Committee Meeting.

The Tunisian News Agency (TAP) submitted its candidacy. In consultations with a number of coordinating committee members in the course of preparations for this meeting, the candidacy was endorsed.

Should Tunisia be accepted as the host, the 8th Coordinating Committee Meeting would also be held there, immediately before the conference scheduled for the end of this year.

Pool Newsletter

Only two issues of the pool newsletter have been published since the last coordinating committee meeting. Issue No. 5 was according to volume significantly larger and does contain a series of information and documents of significance for pool news agencies. The sixth issue is being prepared for June this year.

The pool newsletter could, however, could be a much better and effective platform for mutual informing of news agencies of non-aligned countries.

There are also some other questions which could have been mentioned here in this report.

The first group includes training of journalists.

The most recent report pertaining to this subject is the one about the meeting of a UNESCO working group held last December, which is included in the documents for the agenda.

Belonging to the second group is the exchange of features and photographs and special economic information, archives cooperation, exchange of information about the production of equipment for news agencies in non-aligned countries, etc.

I do believe decisions will be adopted which will help them being included in the pool's future activity.

This what was said in the report and what will be substantiated during the three-day work in Pyongyang nevertheless shows the extent in which the pool expanded the field of its activities and became a system for exchanging information.

I am obliged to stress that in the period shince the last Pool Coordinating Committee meeting, the contacts, consultations and cooperation between the coordinating committee members have significantly improved.

A contribution to this was also made by regional news agencies meetings, expert meetings, international meetings and symposiums.

I am also obliged to stress that a large number of agencies has contributed quite a number of reports on the pool activities and substantial amount of documents to the 7th Coordinating Committee Meeting.

This will certainly contribute to the efficiency of this meeting of ours.

SPEECH BY PREMIER LI JONG OK

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strengthen and develop its own national news agency.

On the other hand, those countries should fill each other's needs in such a way that they provide finance, if rich, impart technical know-how, if possessed of it, or supply experiences, if experienced, and exert a concerted effort to consolidate the pool.

Only when the pool strictly abides by the principle of individual and collective self-reliance in its activities will its might be manifolded and can it put an end to the monopoly and arbitrariness of the big news agencies of the imperialists in the field of world information and grow into a mighty leading force.

Dear delegates,

Under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and the dear leader Comrade Kim Jong Il, the Korean Central News Agency has been turned into a powerful information institute in a short historic period.

Today the Korean Central News Agency is making its due contribution to the display of the dignity of the country and nation prospering under the yoke of Juche, to the strengthening of international solidarity with the world people and promotion of the cause of anti-imperialism and independence.

The Government of our Republic will, in the future, too, render every support to the Korean Central News Agency so that it may work energetically to strengthen the pool and creditably perform its duties.

It is an invariable policy of the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to strengthen and develop the non-aligned movement and to promote friendly and cooperative relations with the non-aligned countries.

Holding aloft the banner of independence, friendship and peace, the Government of the DPRK and the Korean people will do their utmost to strengthen and develop friendly and cooperative relations with the peoples of the non-aligned countries and the peoples of the peace-loving countries the world.

You are our close friends and brothers advancing hand in hand with us on the same front of our common cause of independence.

You have extended, through your information activities in the past, active support and encouragement to our people in their struggle for socialist construction and the independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

We remember this and feel grateful to you for this.

We believe that you will invariably support, in the future, too, our people's just cause of the complete victory of socialism and independent and peaceful reunification of the country.

You, participants in the meeting, during your sojourn in our country, will keenly feel the sentiments of friendship our people have for the peoples of the non-aligned countries and enjoy warm hospitality of our people everywhere you go.

Hoping that you will spend pleasant and fruitful days, I sincerely wish you great success at the meeting.

Thank you.

KCNA Arranges Banquet for Foreign Delegates

The Korean Central News Agency arranged a party on the evening of May 12 at the Okryu Restaurant in Pyongyang for the delegations and delegates attending the 7th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries.

Kim Song Gol, General Director of the KCNA, spoke first at the party.

He said: The entire people and men of the press of our country are pleased with the opening of the 7th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies-Pool of Non-Aligned Countries in Pyongyang and warmly hail it.

The News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries encouraged through its press activity the peoples of these countries in their struggle for strengthening the friendship and solidarity among them and defending the sovereignty and contributed to the cause of defending world peace and security.

Noting that the prevailing situation urgently demands the news agencies pool of non-aligned countried thoroughly expose and smash the imperialists' vicious moves of division, alienation and scramble and contribute to the cause of strengthening the unity and solidarity of the non-aligned movement, he expressed the belief that the current Pyongyang meeting would sincerely discuss the ways for improving the work of pool and take effective steps and thus make a practical contribution to expanding and developing the non-aligned movement and establishing a new international information order.

Pointing out that the KCNA has vigorously conducted press activity to strengthen the friendship and solidarity with the peoples of non-aligned countries, expose and frustrate the imperialists' policies of aggression and war and preserve world peace and security, he stressed: Our news agency will, in the future, too, closely cooperate and briskly exchange information with news agencies of non-aligned countries, attach primary importance in communication and information to the problems of principle arising in strengthening and developing the non-aligned movement and wage a persistent struggle for establishing a new international information order.

Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries, spoke next.

It gives me pleasure to say that the 7th Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries is being held in a country persistently maintaining the fundamental principles and policies of the non-aligned movement, he pointed out.

Noting that the Korean people have registered great successes by embodying the Juche idea under the energetic and wise guidance of President Kim Il Sung, he said: What we saw, heard and experienced in a few days deeply impressed us.

We came to have a better understanding of the deep concern and solicitude shown by your Government, Party and people and the respected leader of the Korean people President Kim Il Sung in particular for the meeting from its preparations up to this day.

Such concern and solicitude make the attendants of the meeting and the pool member nations contribute to strengthening the unity of the non-aligned movement in action with the success of their work, he stressed.

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PLENARY SESSION

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The meeting entered a plenary session.

The agenda item on the implementation of the pool action programme and decisions adopted at the Sixth Coordinating Committee Meeting was discussed first.

Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries, made a report on this item (See page 4–5).

Member of the delegation of the Press Trust of India (PTI) Unnikrishnan Parayil, its Deputy General Manager, informed the attendants of the results of the implementation of recommendations of the Non-Aligned Experts' Meeting on Information organized by the Inter-Governmental Council for Coordination of Cooperation among the Non-Aligned in the Field of Information, February 1982, in New Delhi and preparations for publishing the book on the pool.

Member of the Yugoslav Tanjug News Agency delegation Aksentijevic Mirko, Director of International Press-Centre, also informed the attendants of the Meeting of the Training of Journalists from Non-Aligned Countries held in Balgrade in December 1981.

The meeting heard speeches made by N.R. Chandran, head of the delegation of the Press Trust of India (PTI); Aleksandar Bakocevic, head of the Yugoslav Tanjug News Agency delegation; Kim Song Gol, head of the KCNA delegation; Wijayasiri Gunayauedalage, delegate of the Lanka Puwath National Agency of Sri Lanka; Bechir Toual, head of the delegation of the Tunisia-Africa Press Agency; Saber Falhout, head of the delegation of the Syrian Arab News Agency; August Marpaung, head of the delegation of the Antara News Agency of Indonesia; Sylla Cheick, delegate of the Guinean Radio and Television; Andriamanisa Samuelson, delegate of the Anta News Agency of Madagascar.

CLOSING SESSION

The meeting successfully wound up the debate and adopted with unanimous approval the final report (See page 7) on the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries and resolutions. (See page 8)

Then a closing session took place.

Vice-Premier Chong Jun Gi attended the closing session.

The session adopted a letter of thanks to President Kim Il Sung.

Then speeches hailing the success of the meeting were made by regional representatives.

They included N.R. Chandran, head of the delegation of the Press Trust of India (PTI); Paul Mifsud, head of the delegation of the Ministry of Information of the Republic of Malta; Ntibandetse Patrice, delegate of the Burundi Press Agency; Radhe Shyam Bista, delegate of the National News Agency of Nepal (RSS); Dixon Kwame Afreh, delegate of the Pan African News Agency; Bechir Toual, head of the delegation of the Tunisia-Africa Press Agency; Kim Song Gol, General Director of the Korean Central News Agency, who is heading the KCNA delegation.

Pero Ivacic, Chairman of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries, who is Chairman of the meeting made a closing address.

He said: By successfully discharging the duty we assumed at this Pyongyang meeting, we should further strengthen and develop our pool.

In conclusion, he expressed the belief that to further consolidate the success of the meeting would greatly contribute to the strengthening and development of the non-aligned movement and the pool.

The meeting marked an important milestone in making the news agencies of non-aligned countries attach the primary importance of the pool news service to the problems of principle arising in the expansion and development of the non-aligned movement, accomplish the common cause of anti-imperialism and independence under the uplifted banner of unity and establish a new international information order in an allround way.

Congratulatory Speeches (Gists)

Delegates of regional and international organisations made congratulatory speeches.

Carlos Garcia Castillo, Director General ot the Agency Nueva of Nicaragua (ANN) (Latin American region)

Saying that U.S. imperialism regards the Latin American continent as a target of its aggression, he remarked that the aggressive policy of U.S. imperialism is bound to go away.

Pointing out that all of us were not isolated in our struggle, he expressed the hope that the pool would make a contribution to making the world well aware of the reality of Latin America.

Aleksandar Bakocevic, Director of the Yugoslav Tanjug News Agency (European region)

We are all following with keen interest the development of the socialist and non-aligned Democratic People's Republic of Korea, he said, and went on:

With his activity in the movement of non-alignment, President Kim Il Sung has become renowned as a consistent and eminent champion of peace and progress in the world.

He went on to say:

The non-aligned have always stressed that the artificial division of Korea, imposed through foreign interference, represents a major threat to peace and security in Asia and further afield.

The movement of non-alignment therefore calls resolutely for honouring right of the Korean nation to decide itself on its own fate.

Ahmed Mustapha Bin Hassan, Director General of the Bernama National News Agency of Malaysia (Asian region)

He said:

All of us should discuss what we intend to do at this meeting and struggle to build a better world.

To this end, cooperation among our news agencies should be strengthened, and this will deepen mutual understanding. The delegate of the Bernama National News Agency of Malaysia present at this meeting shall be cooperating much more positively and closely in the future, he stated.

Hamdy Kandil, Director of the Division of Free Flow of Information and Communication Policies of the UNESCO who is a delegate of the UNESCO.

Saying that the UNESCO is directing much concern to the non-aligned movement, he went on:

We consider that inequality should be opposed in the field of international communication, and information be used further in the interests of developing countries so as not to be subjugated to the industrialized countries.

He said that the UNESCO would make active efforts for the development of the pool.

It is very important for us to make the sources of information diversified and multiple. The UNESCO will cooperate with all countries not only in directly receiving but also in exchanging materials, he remarked.

Informations (Gists)

The member of the delegation of the Press Trust of India (PTI) referred, first of all, to the results of the implementation of recommendations of the Non-Aligned Experts' Meeting on Information.

At the meeting, he said, experts and personages concerned discussed the actual conditions of world communication, particularly those of the developing countries.

He said:

One of the recommendations was to make the Coordinating Committee work out a detailed plan and expand cooperation among the member nations to improve the technical equipment of the news agencies.

It was also to make those countries without national news agencies and those countries now building national news agencies speed up their foundation as early as possible.

Also discussed were the problem of mutual cooperation among national news agencies in accordance with the principle of collective self-reliance, the problem of exchanging mutual experience, etc.

The meeting, he noted, made the pool and radio and other organs of the non-aligned countries hold international seminars on the lever of information in the non-aligned countries and organize relevant groups.

Saying that the problem of expanding the news scope of the national news agencies, the problem of making the Pool Coordinating Committee encourage the work of supplying its participants with the pool news in more languages, etc. were discussed at the meeting, he went on:

The Pool Coordinating Committee studied the possibility of the solution of these problems and saw to it that the member nations organized groups to coordinate their activities and conducted the work.

The task of the group is to train cadres in the press domain of non-aligned countries and lower the cost of communication.

Then he referred to the preperations for publishing the book on the pool.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) was elected the master of the editorial board and the Yugoslav Tanjug and Tunisian News Agencies member nations at the last Pool Coordinating Committee Meeting, and contained in the book compiled by the Mass Communication Institute in cooperation with the PTI are decisions, declarations and recommendations on the pool, he declared.

A member of the delegation of the Tanjug News Agency of Yugoslavia informed the Meeting on Training Journalists from Non-Aligned Countries held in Belgrade in December 1981.

He referred to the meeting on training journalists from non-aligned countries held in Belgrade in December last year.

Noting that the meeting was held at the initiative of the pool and with the practical aid of the UNESCO, he stressed that the UNESCO would as ever make a positive cooperation with the pool in this domain and actively help it.

He said that the non-aligned countries should continue exchanging experience and further improve cooperation.

Noting that an opportunity of having more discussions on this problem would be offered during the meeting in Pyongyang, he said that the further strengthening of the exchange of cadres and working-level personages among the non-aligned countries would contribute to developing their mass media.

The Belgrade meeting discussed the financial problem, that is, the problem of increasing stipends in connection with the problem of training journalists and further improving the system of cooperation in the training of journalists, he noted.

As the PTI raised the problem of the publication of the book, the handbook on information must be translated into other languages to help toward the work of training journalists, he stressed.

Speeches (Gists)

N.R. Chandran, head of the delegation of the Press Trust of India, in his speech said:

Though the Coordinating Committee has made notable successes in the past, we are as yet confronted with many tasks. We should work out a plan for strengthening the national news agencies and take a joint action in developing cooperation on a regional and global scale.

Noting that the training of journalists is a very important and peculiar problem, he declared that India would expand its work in this field through the mass communication institute in the days ahead.

Aleksandar Bakocevic, head of the Tanjug News Agency delegation, said that cooperation in the non-aligned movement, in the field of information in particular, is of weighty significance.

He said that the Tanjug News Agency is striving to improve the quality of the pool's activities through strengthened cooperation with other non-aligned countries, giving technical assistance to two Asian and two African news agencies and making efforts for the training of personnel.

He touched upon the Tanjug's contacts with many personages for the purpose of undertaking a necessary work for invigorating the operation of the pool.

Head of the KCNA delegation Kim Song Gol delivered a speech, in which he said:

To strengthen pool's information activities, he said, it is necessary to enhance the role of the regional redistribution centres. We are of the opinion that the regional redistribution centres should receive the agreed volume of news items from their associated national news agencies on a daily basis and redistribute them, without any amendment, to news agencies in their region and to other redistribution centres, and the absolute volume of news items redistributed daily should be radically increased, he remarked.

Suggesting that a new code of service of the regional redistribution centres be worked out in this way, he stressed:

The regional redistribution centres will, in fact, perform their function like a "branch". So, it will be reasonable to change their name into "branch" in conformity with their new function.

The Korean Central News Agency is ready to play the role of a regional redistribution centre and to participate with pleasure in every joint action and financial and technical support designed to strengthen the role of the regional redistribution centres, he declared.

He continued:

Pool information should, in view of the prevailing situation, give priority to the struggle of the non-aligned countries to do away with the old international order of domination and subjugation in all fields, economic, social scientific and cultural, and establish a new international order, impartial, independent and equitable, and on the other hand treat in every dimension all the principled matters arising in the consolidation and development of the non-aligned movement.

In this context I hope that a sort of code of conduct in information will be separately adopted to clarify anti-imperialist, independent and peace-loving characteristics of the pool information and determine the basic orientation to be followed in the information activities, to be added to the existing action programme and statute of the pool.

Here I wish to inform you that the KCNA is ready to speed up the preparations already under way to make its contribution to the training of the journalists for the non-aligned countries in order to help solve the personnel problem of the pool news agencies, he said.

G. Wijayasiri, delegate of the Lanka Puwath News Agency of Sri Lanka, said:

The news agencies of non-aligned countries should give aid to the under-developed news agencies. In this field, it is important, first of all, to help training personnel and founding infrastructures of national news agencies.

He noted that Sri Lanka had taken a series of steps including the lowering of the communication fees for national news agencies.

Toual Bechir, head of the delegation of the Tunisia-Africa Press Agency, in his speech noted that the report at the meeting reviewed very affirmative questions and proposed realistic matters.

We will strive to report about the strenuous efforts of non-aligned countries for the building of a new society and remain faithful to the pool spirit, he declared.

Saber Falhout, head of the Syrian News Agency Delegation, said that the meeting

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Follows a summary of the final report on the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries held here:

FINAL REPORT ON 7TH NEWS AGENCIES POOL MEETING

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries was held in Pyongyang, the capital of the DPRK, over May 12-14, 1982.

The following representatives of its CC member agencies participated in the meeting:

Africa: Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Zambia, PANA (ex-officio)

Asia: Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Iraq, DPR Korea, PLO, Sri Lanka, Vietnam

Latin America: Cuba, Jamaica, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru

Europe: Yugoslavia

The following representatives of news agencies also attended the meeting: Afghanistan, Algeria, Benin, Burundi, Central Africa, Congo, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guinea, Guyana, Iran, Laos, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Nepal, Pakistan, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Surinam, Syria, Tanzania, Uganda, Upper Volta, Yemen Arab Republic, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Zaire, Zimbabwe.

Also present at the meeting as observers were the following representatives of regional and international organization:

- Council for Cooperation of Broadcasting Organizations of the Non-Aligned Countries (BONAC)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- UN Department of Public Information (UN-DPI)
- Associacion de Sistemas de Information Nacionales (ASIN)
- Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA)
- Organization of Asia-Pacific News Agencies (OANA).

The representative of the Romanian News Agency, Agerpress, also attended the meeting as a guest.

1. Inaugural Session

Opening the 7th Coordinating Committee Meeting, Chairman Pero Ivacic thanked the Government of the DPR Korea and His Excellency President Kim Il Sung personally for ensuring the conditions necessary for the success of the meeting, and greeted the Premier of the Administration Council of the DPR Korea, H.E. Li Jong Ok, who honored the inaugural session with his presence, other eminent figures of the DPR Korea, members of the diplomatic corps, and all participating delegates, observers and guests.

Mr. Kim Song Gol, General Director of the host agency, the Korean Central News Agency, welcomed the delegates at the inaugural session and pointed out that the participation in the Pyongyang meeting by the representatives of a large number of countries and regional and international organizations was an indication of increasing concern and expectations of the non-aligned countries and world people towards the pool.

The Premier of the Administration Council of the DPRK expressed hope that the Pyongyang meeting would serve as an important turning-point in achieving as soon as possible the major aims of the pool, i.e. to strengthen the national news agencies and improve the existing pool redistribution system so as to establish and perfect the bilateral, regional and multilateral communication linkage and thereby set up an integrated communication network of the non-aligned countries.

His speech, which constituted an important contribution to the work of the meeting was accepted as an official document of the meeting.

The representatives of the following regional groups addressed the inaugural session: Ghana for Africa, Nicaragua for Latin America, Malaysia for Asia, Yugoslavia for Europe.

The delegates of the PLO, on behalf of the Arab News Agencies, and of UNESCO on behalf of international organizations, also spoke at this session.

A number of national news agencies and regional and international organisations sent their messages of best wishes for the success of the meeting.

2. Bureau of the Meeting

Mr. Kim Song Gol, General Director of the Korean Central News Agency and its Deputy General Director Song Bong Sun were elected vice-Chairman of the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee and Rapporteur General, respectively.

The drafting committee entrusted with the elaboration of the final report and resolutions consisted of representatives of the news agencies from the following countries: DPR Korea, Cuba, India, Lebanon, Togo and Yugoslavia.

3. Agenda

The adopted agenda is supplied as appendix.

4. Implementation of the Action Programme and Decisions Adopted at the Sixth Meeting of the Coordinating Committee

The Chairman of the Coordinating Committee submitted a report on the implementation of the action programme and decisions adopted at the Sixth Meeting of the Coordinating Committee.

The report includes the following points: The setting up and the strengthening of national news agencies, the aid and the support to liberation movements, the development of the communication media among the news agencies of non-aligned countries, the improvement of pool performance, the cooperation with the Intergovernmental Council, the cooperation with BONAC, the cooperation with UNESCO and the United Nations, the pool statute, the candidature for the organization of the Third General Conference of the Pool, etc.

The representative of the Indian News Agency, PTI, submitted a report on the meeting of the group of experts held in New Delhi, in February, 1982.

The Coordinating Committee also heard and expressed satisfaction over the report of the PTI representative on the style book project, elaborated by PTI in cooperation with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication.

5. General Debate

About 40 delegates spoke at the general debate. They analysed the results achieved by the pool, its shortcomings and difficulties, and the work it carries out at present. They also pointed out the immediate and future tasks of the pool.

The following conclusions were drawn from the general debate:

A) The function and role of the pool should be enhanced more substantially in view of the present situation and the demand of the development of the pool itself, and the pool news should be disseminated more widely in the world.

B) The professional standards of the pool performance should be upgraded and the speed of the pool information ensured.

C) The news agencies able to do so should increase their assistance to the less developed news agencies to improve their infrastructures and to the countries having no national news agencies of their own, so that they may set them up.

D) The operation and the efficiency of regional redistributing centres should be improved substantially, their number increased especially by establishing new centres in regions where they do not presently exist, in order to ensure a well-balanced and speedy dissemination of the pool information throughout the world.

E) Bilateral, sub-regional, regional and multilateral cooperation and communication links should be expanded among the pool participants and, on this basis, a programme be drawn for promoting in stages the establishment of an integrated communication network of all the countries.

F) Active steps should be taken for a wider use of pool news by mass media of each country.

G) For a more extensive dissemination of pool news, it is essential for the governments of non-aligned countries to take positive measures to lower tariffs of communications.

H) Pool information should cover more intensively the various activities of the non-aligned movement, important political events, efforts and successes of the non-aligned countries in various fields, social, economic, cultural, arts and sports, and promote the mail exchange of backgrounders on development, feature articles and photographs.

I) The training of journalists and technical personnel should be promoted and experience in this sphere be exchanged on a wide scale.

J) The possibilities of the financial assistance of (UNESCO) and the United Nations should be used to a greater extent to the benefit of the pool activities. To this effect, specific proposals should be submitted to these organizations.

6. Improving Pool's Performance

The Coordinating Committee emphasized that substantial improvement and expansion of the dissemination and redistribution of pool news, along with the establishment and strengthening of national news agencies, were important tasks of the pool at the present stage of its development.

The Coordinating Committee reiterated its will to accelerate the setting up of an integrated telecommunication network of all non-aligned countries, through which the redistribution centres will receive information from national news agencies and redistribute it, without any amendment, to news agencies in their regions and to other redistribution centres.

Within the framework of bilateral agreement, the redistribution centres should disseminate the pool information without harming their integrity, to other foreign national news agencies.

The meeting agreed that a technical group, consisting of representatives of news agencies from Algeria, Cuba, DPR of Korea, India, Iran, Iraq, PANA, Yugoslavia, and Zimbabwe, be formed to study within the framework of the pool statute the concrete problems arising in the setting up of an integrated communication network of the non-aligned countries, including the possibility of setting up joint ventures for the production of telecommunication equipment, to work out recommendations, and to report the results of its initial study to the third general pool conference.

The Coordinating Committee also pointed out the importance of establishing both quantitative and qualitative norms in order to improve and make more useful the news disseminated by various national news agencies.

The Coordinating Committee considered that, while remaining faithful to the principles of promoting the free and balanced flow of genuine information, priority should be given to the problems of principle related to the upholding of the coherent identity of the non-aligned movement as an independent political force, strengthening the unity and solidarity among the non-aligned countries and consolidating and developing the non-aligned movement, in accordance with the general principles of the statute.

The meeting also considered, as envisaged by the statute, that the pool information should aim mainly at making the peoples of the world understand the need of strengthening the non-aligned movement to preserve the world peace and security, in view of the current international situation in which the bloc policy has heightened international tension and increased the danger of a new war.

7. Coverage of the Seventh Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries

The Coordinating Committee stressed that prior to the Seventh Summit Conference of the Non-Aligned Countries, pool news agencies should widely distribute editorials, commentaries and features in connection with the non-aligned movement, and information on the activities concerning the preparations for the conference, and underlined the need of ensuring the joint coverage of the Seventh Summit Conference by the pool news agencies.

8. Cooperation with UNESCO and UN

The Coordinating Committee commended the continuous cooperation with UNESCO and UN-DPI, which has had excellent results.

Appreciating the financial aid offered by the International Programme for the Development of

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is of great significance in guaranteeing objectivity in information and opposing mass media of the imperialists bent on misleading public opinion.

August Marpaung, head of the delegation of the Indonesian National News Agency (ANTARA), said that all the activities of the pool members are based on the principle of mutual assistance and collective self-reliance and noted that member nations affiliated with the OANA had successfully done their work in the past.

Saying that the pool should not rest on its laurels, though it has made a big progress in its work in the past, he stressed that if the non-aligned news agencies carried on more energetic activities, it would be able to establish a new international information order.

Sylla Cheick, delegate of the Guinean Radio and Television, said that the imperialist news agencies are unwilling to tolerate our freedom of information, but hope us to receive their information alone, he remarked.

We, he said, think that the news agencies of the developed non-aligned countries should express undisputed solidarity with the developing countries.

Hussein Al Samarria, delegate of the Iraqi News Agency, said that the Iraqi News Agency has been active as a redistribution centre since 1976 and will, in the future, enhance its role as a redistribution centre. The Iraqi News Agency will make all efforts to strengthen cooperation with developing countries and attain the common aim in the information activities, he said.

Ntibandetse Patrice, delegate of the Burundi Press Agnecy, said that the Republic of Burundi will, above all, conduct its activities in reliance upon its own efforts and through international cooperation, cooperation with non-aligned countries in particular.

Andriamanisa Samuelson, delegate of the Malagasy Anta News Agency, referring to the question of establishing a new international information order, excluding the monopoly attempts of big news agencies, stressed that all forces should be directed to the noble cause of attaining this goal.

8 Separate Resolutions Adopted, Urge Greater Coordination among Non-Aligned News Agencies

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-aligned Countries held in Pyongyang from May 12 to 14, 1982, adopted the following separate resolutions:

THE RESOLUTION (1) said:

The Chairman of the pool will write to the member countries of the non-aligned movement where news agencies do not exist, as well as to member agencies which have not yet fully participated in the pool activities, seeking information on the impediments standing in their way and report to the pool conference for drawing up the first phase of a programme of mobilising resources for creating and strengthening the infrastructural facilities for news agencies enabling their full participation in the pool.

The chairman will write to the pool participants requesting them to intimate, in consultation with their governments, if necessary, their interest in volunteering to hold the regional and interregional seminars and workshops recommended by the expert group.

India, which was the Chairman of the Coordinating Committee from 1976 to 1979, and Yugoslavia which took over chairmanship in 1979, will, in collaboration with host agencies where Coordinating Committee meetings has been held, report to the pool conference on the decisions taken by the committee during the period of their chairmanship and the action taken in fulfilment of these decisions.

The chairman will report to the Inter-governmental Council of Ministers of Information of Non-aligned Countries on the steps taken or being taken to implement the various recommendations of the expert group.

THE RESOLUTION (2) said:

–Each member agency of the pool submit to the General Conference an evaluation in quantitative terms, to the extent possible, of pool news transmitted, received and re-distributed.

–Each member agency prepare an appropriate subject-wise analysis of pool news.

–The Third Pool General Conference consider, on the basis of these individual news agency reports, the agreed norms, in order to make the work of the pool more efficient.

–The Coordinating Committee Chairman seek financial assistance from the UNESCO and UN-DPI, in order to undertake appropriate studies on the transmission, reception and redistribution of pool news in collaboration with big agencies, according to their geographical location in different continents, and in association with professional advisors.

THE RESOLUTION (3) assures

them the fullest support and cooperation of the pool in every endeavour aimed at promoting understanding and concord among countries and peoples and realisation of a new international information and communication order.

Considering the recommendations adopted by the Inter-governmental Conference on Communication Policies in Asia and Oceania held in Kuala Lumpur (February 1979) and also Inter-governmental Council for Coordination of Information and Mass Communication in Non-aligned Countries, held in New Delhi in February 1982, emphasizing the urgent need for appreciably reducing the communication tariff rates for faster growth of the non-aligned news pool.

THE RESOLUTION (4) calls

upon governments of member countries to reduce the existing tariff to 1/10th for satellite communication.

In conformity with the rates proposed by UNESCO for developmental press bulletin service (DPBS) at the rate of U.S. dollars 200 per month at each and for a 24 hour duplex circuit and reduction of the rates for press bulletin service (PBS) to U.S. dollars 500 per month at each and for a 24 hour duplex circuit; and to extend these concessional tariff rates to cover the operation of the news pool, immediately, if possible, and in any case before the end of 1983, as a major contribution to the celebrations of the International Communication Year.

THE RESOLUTION (5) recommends the twinning between news agencies whether on the bilateral level i.e.: between one news agency and a group of news agencies, or between two groups of news agencies, in order to allow them to participate fully in the various activities of the pool, and requests the pool chairman to initiate and follow the stepping up of the implementation of these twinning agreements.

THE RESOLUTION (6) calls on

all news agencies participating in the pool to disseminate information on the decisions taken by the Coordinating Bureau Communique, and based on the principles of non-alignment.

Taking note of the resolution of the meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-aligned Movement, held in Kuwait from April 16 to 19, 1982, and taking into account the political declaration of the Ministerial Conference, held in New Delhi from February to 12, 1981.

THE RESOLUTION (7) said:

The Coordinating Committee has decided to express its solidarity with the struggle of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO, sole representative of this people, and especially with the Palestinian News Agency, WAFA, which disseminates through the world the truth on the just struggle of the Palestinian people.

The Coordinating Committee categorically condemns the systematic aggressions perpetrated by Israel against Palestinian and Lebanese peoples, Syrian Golan and the Palestinian people on the West Bank, and condemns the support Israel receives from foreign forces.

The Coordinating Committee also expresses its solidartiy with the Federation of Arab News Agencies (FANA) in its efforts in the field of information.

The Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee reiterated its support to the Palestinian people's right to return to its homeland, and to its right to live in peace and to re-establish its independent state.

THE RESOLUTION (8) said:

Estimating that the pool can demand a joint action of the agencies, in order to disseminate the realities and achievements in the countries which are exposed to the aggression or which are isolated by imperialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, racism, expansionism and hegemonism, the 7th Meeting of the Pool Coordinating Committee decides that every participating news agency of the pool, should present to the 3rd General Conference an evaluation, in terms of statistics, of the transmitted, received and redistributed news in this field, that every participating news agency of the pool is engaged to disseminate these news.

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Communication (IPDC) for the establishment of news agencies in the developing countries and the consolidation of their infrastructures, the Coordinating Committee recognized that steps should be taken to further expand such an aid.

The committee hoped that the developed countries which have not yet made their contributions to IPDC, would do so without delay.

The Coordinating Committee stressed the need of studying the financial and managerial aspects of the idea of the press-collect card.

It has been agreed to expand the cooperation with UN-DPI in the field of the dissemination of information on major UN conferences and its activities, the joint coverage of the major UN conferences and the UN-DPI programme for journalists in the UN headquarters.

In accordance with the resolution adopted by the United Nations, it is desirable that UN-DPI receive daily news dispatches from the Non-Aligned News Agencies Pool and from regional news agencies of developing countries, in order to reach a better balance of information sources used by UN-DPI.

9. Recommendations of the Meeting of Experts of the Non-Aligned Countries on Information

The Coordinating Committee approved the recommendations concerning the pool, adopted by the meeting of experts of non-aligned countries in the field of information organized in New Delhi in February 1982, by the Inter-Governmental Council for Coordination of Cooperation among the Non-aligned Countries in the Field of Information.

10. Cooperation with the Broadcasting Organizations of the Non-Aligned Countries

The Coordinating Committee commended the excellent cooperation and coordination between news agencies and broadcasting organizations during various international meetings, especially within UNESCO, and demanded the continuation of this cooperation.

The Coordinating Committee agreed that Prensa Latina News Agency represent the pool at the Ninth Meeting of the Committee for Cooperation among Broadcasting Organizations of the Non-Aligned Countries to be held in Havana in October-November this year.

11. Projects of the Regional News Agencies

The Coordinating Committee took note of the reports presented by OANA, FANA, ASIN and PANA on their activities.

12. Proposals of the Editorial Board on Publication of a Book on the Pool

The Third Meeting of the Editorial Board held during the Seventh C.C. Meeting examined the recommendation of the editorial board and with amendment decided to publish the book to coincide with the Third General Conference of the Pool. It accepted a suggestion for annual or triennial supplementary volumes dealing with activities of the pool and developments in the sphere of information and coummunication in periods following the years 1975-1981 covered in the present book.

The committee decided to publish a draft style book, also prepared by PTI in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, with as many additions as possible, to give the book wider appeal.

13. Date and Venue of the Third General Conference of the Pool

The Coordinating Committee chairman gladly accepted the candidature of the Tunisian News Agency, TAP, to host the Third General Conference of the Pool. According to the pool practice, the Eighth Meeting of the Pool Coordinating Committee will be held at the same venue as its Third General Conference.

14. Closing Session

During this session, the final report and the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

–The resolution No.1 deals with the follow-up action to be taken on the recommentation, relating to the news pool, of expert group meeting in New Delhi in February 1982.

–The resolution No.2 envisages a detailed analysis of pool news with a view to studying the applicability of suitable norms.

–The resolution No.3 welcomes the setting up of Asian Pacific News Network (ANN) and the work being done by various regional news networks of FANA, PANA, ALASE, ASIN, etc.

–The resolution No.4 recommends a substantial reduction in communication tariff rates for expansion of pool service.

–The resolution No.5 concerns the agreements on the twinning of news agencies.

–The resolution No.6 calls on the pool news agencies to back the decisions and the positions of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Countries, concerning the conflict over the Malvinas islands.

–The resolution No.7 refers to the support of the pool news agencies to the struggle of the Palestinian people.

–The resolution No.8 concerns the decolonization of information.

After the adoption of the final report and of the resolutions, several delegates took the floor. To stress the importance of the Pyongyang meeting, where the participants took adequate measures for the harmonious development of the pool.

The participants of the Seventh Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the News Agencies Pool of Non-Aligned Countries warmly thanked the DPRK Government for granting them all the facilities to ensure the success of the meeting, and especially His Excellency President Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved leader of the Korean people, for offering in their honor a solemn banquet during which he delivered a speech of far-reaching importance, pointing out the great contribution to the strengthening and the development of the non-aligned movement and of pool activities.

This important speech was noted as an official document of the meeting, to be distributed to the news agencies of non-aligned countries.

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